

## COUNCIL MEETING

May 12, 2020

7:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Hampstead was held virtually, via the Zoom video conferencing platform, on Tuesday, May 12, 2020. Mayor Chris Nevin called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following Council Members were present: Mrs. Duff, Mrs. Painter, Mr. Renahan, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Unglesbee. Staff Members in attendance were: Town Manager Tammi Ledley, Assistant Zoning Administrator Jim Roark; Public Works Superintendent Kevin Hann and Police Chief David Snyder.

Guests present: None

### **MINUTES APPROVAL:**

Mr. Thomas made a **motion to approve the Council Meeting minutes of April 14, 2020**. Mr. Unglesbee seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

### **REPORTS:**

All reports were made.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Nevin introduced the discussion of the **Approval of Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Revisions – General Fund**. This includes the transfer of \$14,000 from *Snow Removal* to *Government Building Maintenance and Repairs*; the transfer of \$7,000.00 from *Snow Removal* to *Office Equipment Maintenance and Repairs*; the transfer of \$3,200 from *Snow Removal* to *Public Works Equipment and Supplies* and finally the transfer of from \$4,600.00 *Snow Removal* to *Capital Roads*.

Mr. Thomas made a **motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Revisions – General Fund**. Mr. Unglesbee seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mayor Nevin introduced the discussion of the **Approval of Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Revisions – Water Fund**. This includes the transfer of \$6,000.00 from the *Reserve Fund* to *Water Leak Repairs*; the transfer of \$9,000.00 from the *Reserve Fund* to *Water Operating Rental/Contractual Services* and finally the transfer of \$5,000.00 from the *Reserve Fund* to *Equipment and Supplies*.

Mr. Unglesbee made a **motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Revisions – Water Fund**. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mayor Nevin introduced the **Fiscal Year 2021 Budget**. The proposal calls for the balancing of the *General Fund* at \$3,293,00.00 which is a 1.3% decrease from last years budget. The *Water Fund* is balanced at \$1,423,000.00 with the *Water Fund* still owing the *General Fund* \$308,000.00. There is no planned increase on the Property Tax set at \$0.22, the Business Personal Property Tax remains set at \$0.55 and there are no planned changes to the Water Rate for the second year in a row. Councilman Renehan inquired on the proposed \$100,000.00 for the Police Department. Mayor Nevin clarified that the proposed amount is for the purchase and outfitting of two additional police SUV's.

#### **OTHER NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

Mrs. Duff made a **motion to introduce Ordinance 535 – an Ordinance for the Levy of Taxes for the Fiscal Year 2021**. Mr. Renehan seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mrs. Painter made a **motion to introduce Ordinance 536 – an Ordinance to Adopt the Annual Budget of the Town of Hampstead for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021**. Mr. Unglesbee seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

Mr. Unglesbee made a **motion to introduce Resolution 2020-01 – a Resolution regarding the Water Rates**. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed with five votes for, no votes against and no abstentions.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Comment received via email prior to the meeting from Frank Hafele, Taylor Street Hampstead, Maryland.

*“My question has to do with the increase in my water bill. I live just outside of town limits and my water bill is more expensive than the sewer bill. My family used 9000 gallons of water and it cost us \$135.84 while my sewer bill was \$109.74. When we lived in town, the water was much cheaper than the sewer and our pressure was much better. At this point our PSI is running at 45 psi, which is concerning.*

*My question: Is there anything you can do to not increase the water bills of residents of Hampstead, living right outside of the town limits?”*

Mayor Nevin responded to the portion of the question regarding rate increases. This budget year as in last years budget, there are no planned rate increase for water. Kevin Hann advised that the PSI concern at Mr. Hafele's property will be reviewed by Public Works.

Mrs. Duff made **a motion to adjourn the meeting**. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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**ATTEST**

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**MAYOR**